



INSPECTOR OF AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT

OPEN SPOT EXAMINATION

CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ALL REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, DISABILITY, RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION, AGE, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

IT IS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE STATE WORKPLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE BECAUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE, THE RULES GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE, AND THE SPECIAL TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.

SPOT FOR Yolo County - Indicate this location on your application. The California Highway Patrol has opened testing to establish an eligible list for Yolo County.

A position exists in Yolo County.

FINAL FILING DATE **April 3, 2008**
Applications (STD. 678, Rev. 12-06) must be **POSTMARKED** no later than the final filing date. Applications postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after the final filing date will not be accepted for any reason. Submit applications to:

California Highway Patrol
Selection Standards and Examinations Section
P. O. Box 942898
Sacramento, CA 94298-0001

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in item number 2 of the application. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

Note: Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination.

QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL INTERVIEW It is anticipated that interviews will be held during April/May 2008.

SALARY RANGE \$4012 - \$4837

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION A departmental eligible list will be established for the California Highway Patrol. This list will be abolished 48 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period. Please note that the list can be abolished any time after 12 months based on the needs of the service.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION **NOTE: All applicants must meet the experience and/or education requirements for this examination by the final filing date.**

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either I," "Or II," "Or III," etc. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

Either I

- 1. Three years of experience in the California state service as an automobile mechanic or the equivalent.
- OR**
- 2. One year of experience as a Junior Inspector of Automotive Equipment.

Or II

Three years of experience as a journey level mechanic working on vehicles and other equipment using combustion engines. **AND**
Two years of experience either as:
1. Service manager or service representative for a large garage or vehicle repair and sales agency employing a minimum of six mechanics. **OR**
2. Inspector for a private or public agency with responsibility for the inspection for maintenance of over 100 vehicles.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS Possession of a valid driver's license of the appropriate class issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Applicants who do not possess the license will be admitted to the examination but must secure the license prior to appointment.

SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS Willingness to travel throughout an assigned area.

THE POSITION An Inspector of Automotive Equipment is responsible for providing inspection services usually in a defined geographical area; occasionally may train or act in a lead capacity over Junior Inspectors of Automotive Equipment.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION This examination will consist of a Qualifications Appraisal Interview weighted 100%. The interview will include a number of predetermined job-related questions. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained in the interview. **Competitors who do not appear for the interview will be disqualified.**

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Qualifications Appraisal Interview Only - Weighted 100%

Scope:
In addition to evaluating the competitor's relative abilities as demonstrated by quality and breadth of experience, emphasis in the examining interview will be on measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each competitor's:

- A. Knowledge of:
 - 1. Tools, equipment, and methods used in the overhaul, repair, and adjustment of equipment using combustion engines, including all auxiliary systems.
 - 2. Current repair costs.
 - 3. Current manufacturers' specifications for equipment and auxiliary systems.
 - 4. Servicing requirements of automobiles, trucks, and other heavy equipment.
 - 5. Types and uses of tires.
- B. Ability to:
 - 1. Read and write English at a level required for successful job performance.
 - 2. Locate trouble in equipment.
 - 3. Operate equipment for testing.
 - 4. Analyze cause of equipment failures or excessive wear.
 - 5. Estimate costs of repairs.
 - 6. Read, interpret, and work from plans, drawings and specifications.
 - 7. Determine the desirability of repairing as opposed to replacing equipment.
 - 8. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in the course of the work.
 - 9. Instruct drivers and operators in the use and care of equipment.
 - 10. Write letters and reports.
 - 11. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
 - 12. Promote and be accountable for customer satisfaction and quality service.
 - 13. Initiate or recommend changes that promote innovative solutions to meet customer needs.

VETERANS PREFERENCE **Veterans preference** credits will be added to the final score of those competitors who are successful in this examination and who qualify for, and have requested these points. **VETERANS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED PERMANENT CIVIL SERVICE STATUS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VETERANS CREDITS.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

It is the competitor's responsibility to contact the California Highway Patrol, Examinations Program, telephone (916) 375-2535, three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

If a competitor's notice of oral interview fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

Applications (STD. 678, Rev. 12-06) for open and promotional examinations are available from the California Highway Patrol, local offices of the Employment Development Department, the State Personnel Board (SPB), and the SPB website at www.spb.ca.gov.

If you meet the requirements stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all competitors who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The **California Highway Patrol** reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

Interview Location(s): It is anticipated that interviews will be scheduled in West Sacramento.

General Qualifications: Competitors must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and the ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the classification.

Interview Scope: In addition to the scope described on this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the competitor's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a competitor's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

Veterans Preference: Government Code Section 18973.5(a) defines an entrance examination, for purposes of awarding veterans preference credits in open and open nonpromotional examinations as "...any open competitive examination other than one for a classification having a requirement of both college graduation AND two or more years of experience". Government Code Section 18973.5(b) requires that veterans preference credits be awarded in all qualifying entrance examinations in which a veteran competes and that no veterans credits shall be allowed once a veteran achieves permanent civil service status (successful completion of the probationary period for the classification of hire). In open examinations, veterans, widows, or widowers of veterans and spouses of disabled veterans qualify for veterans points: 15 points for disabled veterans; 10 points for other veterans. In open nonpromotional examinations, only the veteran qualifies for veterans points: 10 points for disabled veterans; 5 points for other veterans. Directions for applying for veterans preference points are on the Applications for Veterans Preference form (SPB 1093) which is available from SPB offices, written test proctors, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 942895, Sacramento, CA 94295-0001.

The **California Relay Service** enables a person with a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) to communicate over telephone lines with another person who does not have a TDD. To use the California Relay Service, call the following: if you have a TDD, 1-800-735-2929; if you do not have a TDD, call 1-800-735-2922.